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- (a) There is an Emergency Number Systems Board in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.
  - (b) (1) The Board consists of 17 members.
    - (2) Of the 17 members:
- (i) one member shall represent a telephone company operating in the State;
- (ii) one member shall represent the wireless telephone industry in the State;
- (iii) one member shall represent the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems;
- (iv) one member shall represent the Department of State Police;
- (v) one member shall represent the Public Service Commission;
- (vi) one member shall represent the Association of Public–Safety Communications Officials International, Inc.;
- (vii) two members shall represent county fire services in the State, with one member representing career fire services and one member representing volunteer fire services;
  - (viii) one member shall represent police services in the State;
- (ix) two members shall represent emergency management services in the State;
- (x) one member shall represent a county with a population of  $200,\!000$  or more;

- (xi) one member shall represent a county with a population of less than 200,000;
- (xii) one member shall represent the Maryland chapter of the National Emergency Numbers Association;
- (xiii) one member shall represent the geographical information systems in the State; and
  - (xiv) two members shall represent the public.
- (3) The Governor shall appoint the members with the advice and consent of the Senate.
  - (c) (1) The term of a member is 4 years and begins on July 1.
- (2) The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms provided for members of the Board on October 1, 2003.
- (3) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (4) If a vacancy occurs after a term has begun, the Governor shall appoint a successor to represent the organization or group in which the vacancy occurs.
- (5) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- (d) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the Board members.
  - (e) The Board shall meet as necessary, but at least once each quarter.
  - (f) A member of the Board:
    - (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Board; but
- (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
  - (g) The Secretary shall provide staff to the Board, including:

- (1) a coordinator who is responsible for the daily operation of the office of the Board; and
- (2) staff to handle the increased duties related to wireless enhanced 9-1-1 service.

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